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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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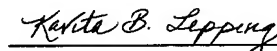
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Respectfully submitted,

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